

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method of indicating a remaining capacity for concurrently processing a predefined maximal number of data entered in an edit field of an electronic device, comprising:

determining the remaining capacity; and

providing a graphic element to visually represent the remaining capacity without employing a character.

2. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1 further comprising changing the graphic element in functional dependency to the remaining capacity.

3. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changed in functional dependency to the remaining capacity.

4. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each of which represents a predefined amount of the predefined maximal number.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of claim 2, wherein the graphic element is employed as a text cursor for associated with the electronic device.

6. (Previously Presented) An electronic device having an edit field, comprising:

means for entering data into the edit field;

means for concurrently processing a predefined maximal number of data entered in the edit field; and

a graphic element associated with the edit field for visually representing a remaining capacity of the predefined maximal number without employing a character.

7. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is changed in functional dependency to the remaining capacity.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into two areas, wherein the percentages of the two areas are changeable in functional dependency to the remaining capacity.

9. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphic element is subdivided into several sub-portions, each representing a predefined amount of the predetermined maximal number.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic device of claim 6, wherein the graphical element is employed as a text cursor for the electronic device.

11. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the electronic device is a mobile phone.

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 11 wherein the mobile phone is based on a GSM standard or a UMTS standard.

13. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 14 wherein the character is a number indicating a remaining number of textual characters that can be entered in the edit field.

14. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the data are textual characters.

15. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 9 wherein each of the sub-

portions is changed in functional dependency to the predefined amount.

16. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the graphic element visually represents the remaining capacity via a change in color.

17. (Previously Presented) An electronic device of claim 6 wherein the graphic element visually represents the remaining capacity via flashing frequency.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1 wherein the data are textual characters.

19. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 4 wherein each of the sub-portions is changed in functional dependency to the predefined amount.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 1 wherein the graphic element visually represents the remaining capacity via a change in color or a flashing frequency.